

FINAL Minutes of the April 24, 2014 Meeting of the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission

The regular quarterly meeting of the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission (MNCC) was held April 24, 2014, at The Mayfield, 6072 South Archer Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Chairman Baliga called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Chairman Baliga opened the meeting by explaining that the MNCC meeting was held pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Chairman Baliga asked Marcie Vasta, a representative for the Chicago Department of Aviation, to record the minutes.

The following members were **present**:

Jerry Ponio – Bedford Park (*Representing Mayor David Brady*)
Norma Pinion – Bridgeview (*Representing Mayor Steve Landek*)
Mayor Harry Klein – Burbank
Tom Sheahan – Lyons (*Representing Mayor Christopher Getty*)
Jim Lazansky – Stickney (*Representing Mayor Deborah Morelli*)
Frank Damato – Cook County (*Representing Board President Toni Preckwinkle*)
Nance Dulaj – Chicago Ward 13
Stan Lihosit – Chicago Ward 14
Samuel Rivers – Chicago Ward 15
Thomas Baliga – Chicago Ward 23
Christopher Koczwar – Chicago Ward 23
Joseph Loduca – Chicago Ward 23

The following members were **not present**:

Mayor Larry Dominick – Cicero
Mayor Richard Grenvich – Forest View
Chet Strzelczyk – Summit (*Representing Mayor Joseph Strzelczyk*)
Gail Conwell – Chicago Ward 13
Kenneth Pannaralla – Chicago Ward 13
Anthony Philbin – Chicago Ward 18
Michael Boland – Chicago Department of Aviation (*Representing Commissioner Rosemarie Andolino*)

Also present:

Aaron Frame, Assistant Commissioner – Chicago Department of Aviation
Forest Lombaer, Chief Assistant Corporation Counsel – Chicago Department of Law
Jeffrey Jackson, Project Manager – Landrum & Brown
Marcie Vasta, Administrative Assistant – Residential Sound Insulation Program

Quorum was met with 12 of the 19 members present.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 23, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Baliga asked if there were any changes to the January 23, 2014 meeting minutes. There were no changes and a motion to approve was made by Ms. Pinion and seconded by Ms. Dulaj. The motion passed.

CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION (“CDA”) REPORT

A. Presentation: 1st Quarter 2014 Airport Noise Management System (“ANMS”) Report

Mr. Frame asked Mr. Jackson of Landrum & Brown to present the 1st Quarter 2014 Airport Noise Management System Report.

Mr. Jackson gave a brief overview of the information contained in the report and proceeded with the details.

Runway Use Report

In the 1st quarter the most used departure runway was 31C with 44% departing to the northwest. 31C was also the most used arrival runway with 47% arriving from the southeast.

January – Over 90% of the departures were to the west. The most used departure runway was 31C with 49%, followed by 22R/22L with 43%, 04R/04L with 6% and 13C with 2%.

Over 80% of arrivals came from the east going west. The most used arrival runway was 31C with 58%, followed by 22R/22L with 25%, 04R/04L with 10% and 13C with 7%.

February – 88% of all departures were to the west. The most used departure runway was 31C with 49%, followed by 22R/22L with 39%, 04R/04L with 7% and 13C with 5%.

85% of arrivals were going west. The most used arrival runway was 31C with 57%, 22R/22L with 28%, followed by 04R/04L with 9% and last was 13C with 6%.

March – 70% of departures were to the west. The most used departure runway was 31C with 37%, the next 22R/22L with 33%, followed by 04R/04L with 23%, and 13C with 7%.

57% of arrivals came from the east going west. The most used departure runway was 31C with 37%, 22R/22L with 33%, 04R/04L with 23% and 13C with 7%.

As weather warms more traffic goes to the east.

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Airline Fleet Mix Report

Southwest Airlines had the highest operations with an average of 363 per day with 30 per night from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. The total operations for the quarter for all airlines averaged 568 per day and 49 per night. These numbers include General Aviation which had 122 operations per day and 11 at night. .

The B737, used almost exclusively by Southwest, was the most used aircraft with an average of 374 operations per day and 31 occurring at night.

Chairman Baliga reiterated that he would like to see stages 3 and 4 broken out. Mr. Jackson responded that the July Quarterly Report would include a breakout of stages 3 and 4 and also the stage 2 phase out.

Permanent Noise Monitor Locations

The report indicates the addresses of the 12 permanent noise monitor locations near Midway as reflected in relation to the Midway 2018 Noise Contour. The report shows the results for April 2013 through March 2014 with quarterly breakdowns and a twelve month average. The 1st quarter 2014 results are compared to those of the 1st quarter of 2013.

Chairman Baliga inquired about the status of the various noise monitor replacements. Mr. Frame responded that the CDA is currently in the contract negotiation phase and expects it to be executed sometime in the middle of this year. It will include the replacement of the existing 12 monitors with additional monitors being considered.

Noise Hotline Report

There were 183 total complaints for the 1st quarter, from 53 complainants. 140 of the complaints came from 37 individuals in Chicago. 42 complaints were made during the nighttime hours.

Mr. Jackson went over two additional exhibits. The first was the Midway Aircraft Noise Comparison which ranked the aircraft by both the footprint area (loudest to quietest) and also by total average daily operations (most commonly used) at Midway for 2013. Chairman Baliga asked if the footprint square miles is from tip to tip and Mr. Jackson confirmed that it is.

Mr. Lihosit asked what the most recently built 737 is and Mr. Jackson replied that the B737-800 is the most recent that flies at Midway and stated that the larger aircraft are noisier aircraft.

The next exhibit, in response to Chairman Baliga's request, was an analysis of the average helicopter operations per day/night broken away from the general aviation numbers on the Aircraft Fleet Mix Report for the 1st Quarter 2014. It also indicated the helicopter arrival and departure areas at Midway.

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CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Residential Sound Insulation Sub-Committee Report

Mr. Lihosit presented the Residential Sound Insulation Sub-Committee Report (see attached).

NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Resolution 2014-A – which identifies additional homes for inclusion in Phase 15 of the Residential Sound Insulation Program.

Mr. Lihosit read the Resolution.

Mr. Lazansky asked if it pertained to apartments in buildings that are not owner occupied and also apartments that are in mixed use buildings. Mr. Frame responded that all of those residential apartments are now included.

Ms. Pinion asked the number of homes included under this resolution. Mr. Frame stated that the request is for approval of 1,800 homes that are in addition to the 900 homes that the Commission already approved. The approval of the resolution will allow 2,700 homes to be sound insulated. Ms. Pinion asked if there will be enough funding and Mr. Frame replied that funding is secured.

Mr. Lazansky asked if the contractors awarded the sound insulation contracts have qualifications that have been thoroughly screened. Mr. Frame replied that there is a regular pool of construction contractors that bid on the work and attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is mandatory for bidding eligibility. The City of Chicago has competitive bidding that goes through a very closely scrutinized bidding process. He added that there are numerous checks and balances in place used to determine both the initial qualifications of a contractor and to constantly monitor the work as it progresses.

There were no corrections and a motion to approve Resolution 2014-A was made by Mr. Lazansky and seconded by Mr. Lihosit and Ms. Pinion.

Chairman Baliga asked if there was anything to include further under New Business. Mr. Lihosit asked when the 2700 homes would be done and Mr. Frame replied that the anticipated completion would be 18 months, by Fall of 2015.

Chairman Baliga asked if there were any questions or new business requiring further discussion. With none, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Lihosit and seconded by Mayor Kline. The motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Baliga adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m. and informed those present that the next meeting of the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at The Mayfield, Chicago.

**Chicago Midway International Airport
Residential Sound Insulation Program
Sub-Committee Report
As of April 24, 2014**

For Phase 15,

- Design proposals have been received.
- An architectural firm will be tasked for the design work in May.
- A property inspection procedure is being reviewed by the Chicago Department of Buildings in connection with identifying illegal dwelling units that are not eligible for sound insulation.
- Homeowner Briefings began this month.
- 216 dwelling units in buildings with 5 or more units have been enrolled.
- Briefings in single-family through 4-unit buildings will begin in May and run through June.
- The first construction bid packages will be advertised in the third quarter of 2014.